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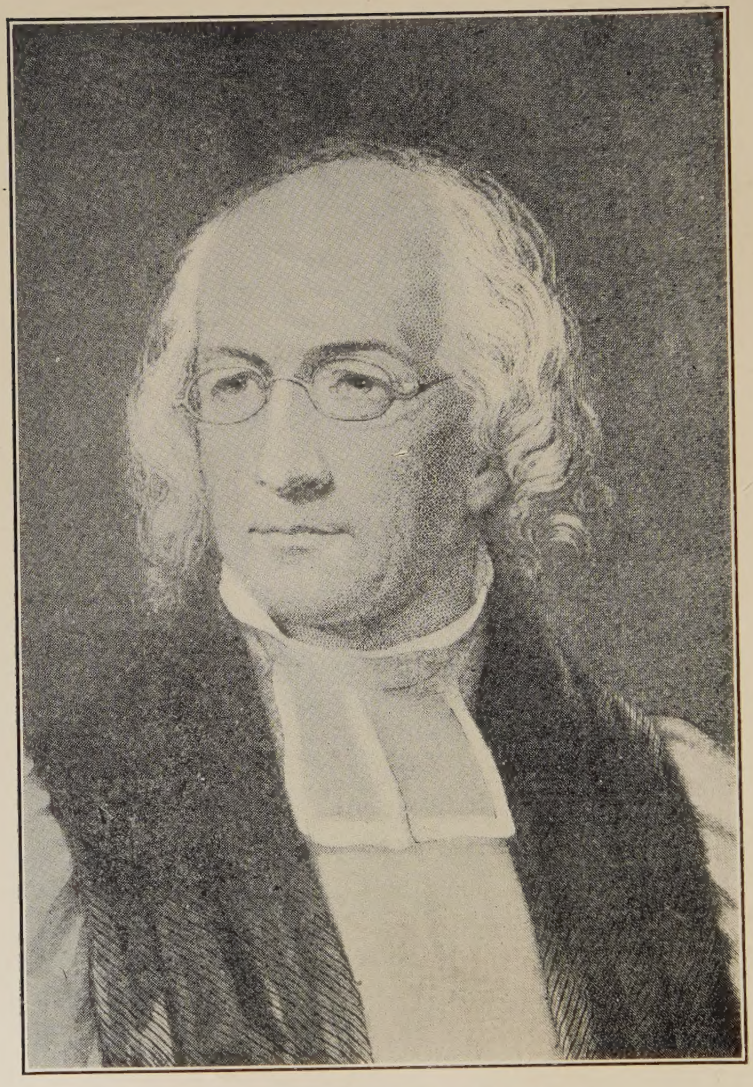

RT. REV. GEORGE WASHINGTON DOANE
Second Bishop of New Jersey

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FROM THE FOUNDING OF THE PARISH IN THE YEAR
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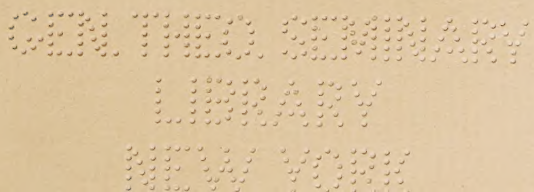

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persist under the weight of its misfortunes; then, when the outlook was darkest relief came and the sun of prosperity shone once more. This, I say, is the impression gained from a cursory study of the written documents, but what the written documents do not and cannot disclose is the spirit of faith and courage, of firm determination and unbounded hopefulness which seemed never to have been absent even in the darkest hours from the breasts of those who loved the Parish and labored for its welfare. If there is any lesson to be found worth our heeding other than the obvious one 'to pay as you go,' I take it to be this, namely, that faith and loyalty can overcome all obstacles, that where there is a will a way will always be found.

"Another thing we shall do well to remember is, that notwithstanding the continual financial pressure which bore so hardly upon the Parish for many years, the spiritual life went on meanwhile with undiminished activity, many souls continued to be gathered into the fold through the sacrament of baptism, the young were instructed in the truths of our holy religion and prepared to receive confirmation, the comfortable Gospel of Christ was preached in its fullness and attractiveness, the sweet and solemn services of the Church were maintained in their integrity and beauty, the Holy Eucharist was celebrated and received as the divine food for the strengthening and refreshing of weak and sinful souls and holy characters were formed through the ministrations of the Church for time and for eternity. During the past fifty years of the life of this Parish, how many thousand Christian souls have found spiritual grace and nourishment within these consecrated walls, learning worthily both how to live and how to die. It is in these unseen things and not in the outward fabric or in the temporal prosperity of a Parish that its true significance lies. We may estimate these outward and temporal things in terms of human speech, we may praise or censure by our earthly standards those who, in the past, ministered or worshipped here, but what we cannot estimate or measure are the faith and the love, the steadfastness and the hope, the beautiful lives and Christian characters which successively found here their manifestation and home through the half century of years since this House of God which we know as Trinity Church first came into being." H. S.

Advent, 1910.

Historical Sketch of Trinity Church

Fifty years ago, when Trinity Church came into existence, Trenton was a city of only 17,000 inhabitants. It had not yet passed out of the stage of a small provincial town, and gave little indication of becoming the large and important city into which it has since developed. There were at that time fifteen places of worship in the city, 2 Roman Catholic, 3 Methodist, 3 Presbyterian, 2 Baptist, 1 German Lutheran, 2 Society of Friends and 2 Episcopal, namely St. Paul's and St. Michael's. The Diocese comprised the whole State of New Jersey, and the Bishop was the Rt. Rev. George W. Doane, the second since its organization as a separate ecclesiastical jurisdiction. It was a day of small things both civically and ecclesiastically. The times, however, were stirring ones, as they immediately preceded the outbreak of our great Civil War. When the cornerstone of Trinity Church was laid James Buchanan was President of the United States, Charles S. Olden Governor of the State of New Jersey, and Franklin S. Mills Mayor of Trenton. It was certainly an inauspicious moment for starting a new enterprise, and probably the hard financial straits which overtook the Parish in the first years of its existence were largely due to the unsettled conditions of the times.

During the first seven years of its corporate life Trinity had a precarious existence, as plainly appears from the records, and as is emphasized by the fact that it had during that period five different rectors. Including the present incumbent, Trinity has had ten rectors in all, three of whom, the Rev. Albert U. Stanley, who served nine years, the Rev. Henry M. Barbour, who served nearly twenty years, and the present Rector, who has just completed his tenth year, have covered in all a total of forty years, thus leaving only ten years for the other seven.

On October 14, 1860, Trinity Church was first occupied for divine worship. The cornerstone of the new edifice was laid in the previous June and the building was consecrated in the following December. The Parish itself, however, was founded two years earlier.

The immediate occasion of the separation from St. Michael's Church,

and the founding of a new Parish, was a dissatisfaction with a certain action of the Vestry of that Church on the part of some of the parishioners, but doubtless there were other reasons behind the ostensible one, which seems in itself trivial. Without seeking to probe the matter too closely or attempting to enter into the ecclesiastical controversies of that distant time, it may be said that the current of feeling against the shabby treatment accorded to Bishop Doane by some of the low Churchmen of that period ran high, and probably led to a desire on the part of his sympathizers in the old Parish to disassociate themselves from the actions of the party opposed to the Bishop. However that may have been (and such is the recollection of those who remember those days), a new Parish was founded out of the old and launched into existence, known as Trinity Church. The first entry in the Minute Book gives the ostensible occasion of the break, and says nothing of any other motive.

The founding of Trinity Church had its initiative in a protest of certain parishioners of St. Michael's Church against the action of the Vestry in accepting the resignation of the Rector, the Rev. Samuel Clements and the extension of a call immediately at the same meeting to the Rev. Richard B. Duane, of Honesdale, Pa., without consultation with the parishioners. The letter of protest to the Vestry bears the date June 23, 1859, and was signed by the following male members of the congregation: Philemon Dickinson, I. Wood, W. M. Babbitt, M. Beasley, A. L. Livingston, W. Pearson, Isaac L. Pearson, C. H. Higginson, James B. Coleman, W. A. Benjamin, Thomas Green, G. A. Perdicaris, John L. Taylor, Randall Rickey, Charles P. Smith, W. F. Pitcher, Willett Dunn, J. Rousseau, W. W. Norcross, Edward W. Weld, Thomas P. Johnson, T. Cadwalader, J. R. Freese, W. E. Hunt, Samuel Simons, Thomas Booth, Thomas I. Carson, John Rickey, J. M. Clark, Allison E. Perrine. The letter was sent to the Senior Warden, Dr. J. N. Davis, with the request "that it be laid before the Vestry at the earliest possible moment."

The remonstrants acknowledged "the legal right of the Vestry to extend the call," but urged "that in so important a matter some general consultation with the Congregation should be had." They disclaimed "any intention of disrespect to the clergyman who had been called," but submitted "that the action of the Vestry was hasty and calculated to ditsurb the harmony of the Church, at variance with the usage in this Diocese,

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Third Bishop of New Jersey

and lacking in the Christian courtesy which the parishoners had a right to expect at the hands of the Vestry."

The Vestry sent a reply disclaiming "any intention of showing discourtesy," and justified their action in extending the call to Mr. Duane, having satisfied themselves of his fitness for the position.

A copy of the protest, which had been forwarded by the remonstrants to the Rev. Mr. Duane, drew a reply from him requesting answers to a number of specific questions as to the official and ecclesiastical status of those who had signed the document. The committee replied through Mr. A. L. Livingston, that "only four of those who signed the paper were communicants, but that most represented communicants through their wives and daughters, that they attended regularly upon the services of the Church, contributed nearly one-half of the yearly income, and in a social point of view represented some of the best families in the congregation." The further statement was made that "the Vestry of St. Michael's consisted of seven gentlemen of whom only four were communicants, one of whom dissented from the action of the majority." The belief was expressed that the majority of the 105 pewholders disapproved of the action of the Vestry, but that the protest for lack of time had been presented only to 32, of whom 29 signed it. The statement was made that "the remonstrants had no objection to Mr. Duane, but that their action was simply a protest against the methods adopted by the Vestry."

Mr. Duane replied, thanking the writer for the information furnished and stating his intention, nevertheless, of accepting the call and taking charge of the Parish in the following September.

Mr. Duane's decision evidently brought matters to a climax, for on October 8, 1858, a meeting was held attended by a number of the protestators. Mr. Philemon Dickinson was appointed chairman and Mr. Charles H. Higginson, clerk of the meeting. A letter signed by seventeen pewholders of St. Michael's Church, signifying their withdrawal from that Parish and sent to the Wardens and Vestry on September 23, was read. The canonical consent of the Rector of St. Michael's Church to the formation of a new Parish, and also that of the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. George W. Doane, having been received, it was resolved on motion "that this meeting do now proceed to organize (by the choice of two Wardens and ten Vestrymen) a Protestant Episcopal Church to be attached to the Diocese of New Jersey, and to be designated as Trinity Church, Trenton, New Jersey."

In accordance with this action the following were chosen: Wardens, Wesley P. Hunt and Alfred L. Livingston. Vestrymen, Thomas Cadwalader, Philemon Dickinson, Mercer Beasley, Charles H. Higginson, Edward D. Weld, William M. Babbitt, William W. Norcross, William E. Hunt, Samuel Simons and William Howell. Charles H. Higginson was elected secretary.

At a meeting of the Vestry, held November 3, a call was extended to the Rev. Hannibal Goodwin, of St. Paul's Church, Newark, to become Rector of the new Parish. His salary was fixed at $1,000 per annum, and he was also to have in addition, "all the revenues of the Church which should exceed the expenses." This generous provision to give the Rector besides his salary, all the money remaining over and above the current expenses seems, in the light of subsequent events, to have been a dubious quantity. Though a like inducement was also made in calling other rectors, it does not appear that any material advantage ever accrued to the object of this munificent offer. Doubtless the offer was made in good faith and in the fond hope which successive vestries seem to have cherished, that prosperity was bound to visit the Parish, a hope, alas, so often to prove delusive.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin assumed charge of the Parish in December, 1858. Services were held in a hall where Dolton's Block now stands on North Warren Street, which had been fitted up for the purpose. An organist and a choir of four voices, under Mr. William Eccles, was engaged at an annual expense of $210, a melodeon was rented, a Bible was presented by Mr. A. Scott, and Mrs. Adaline Howell gave a communion service.

There appear to have been thirty-nine parishioners connected with the Parish when it was organized, three of whom, namely, Samuel Simons, Randall Rickey and Philemon Dickinson, have descendants at the present time whose names appear upon the Parish Register.

The first Parish meeting was held April 26, 1859, at which it was resolved "That the title by which this Church shall be known be 'The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church, Trenton.'" The same Wardens and Vestrymen were re-elected, excepting that G. A. Perdicaris and Dr. J. L. Taylor were substituted for William E. Hunt and William Howell. Deputies to the Diocesan Convention were chosen, T. Cadwala-

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First Rector

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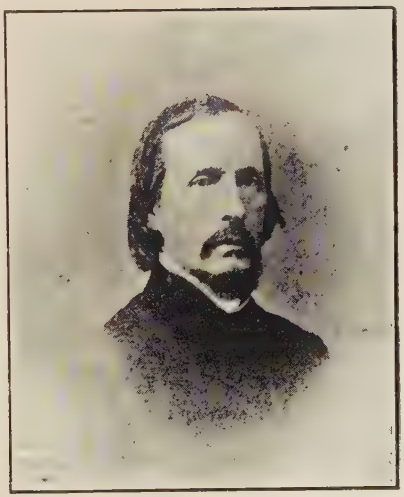

Rev. E. H. CRESSEY
Fifth Rector

der, G. A. Perdicaris, A. L. Livingston, Mercer Beasley, Randall Rickey and W. M. Babbitt.

In October, 1859, the Rev. Mr. Goodwin resigned the Parish on the ground of ill health and the Vestry found itself charged with the duty of providing his successor. On December 18, the Rev. Dr. N. W. Camp was called and accepted the charge. The salary was set at $1,000, with nothing said as to any prospective addition.

Meanwhile, steps were being taken to find a suitable lot whereon to erect a church building. The choice first fell upon a plot of ground owned by Alexander Wurtz, but the title was found upon examination to be defective, Mercer Beasley, one of the Vestrymen, rendering the opinion. Subsequently a committee, composed of the Rector and Messrs. Dickinson and Livingston was appointed, "with full powers without further consultation with the Vestry, to purchase a lot of ground whereon to build a church."

The committee reported, that "After several consultations and a great deal of anxiety personally as to the result of their action, both on the present and future welfare of Trinity Church, they came unanimously to the conclusion that for all the purposes contemplated by the location and erection of a church, for the present and prospectively, especially for centrality of location and for convenience of access, the lot on Academy Street, just opposite the Trenton Academy, then owned by Thomas J. Stryker, possessed far greater advantages than any other which was within the ability of the Vestry to purchase."

The price was $3,500. The lot was 70 feet on Academy Street by 150 feet deep. The purchase was consummated January 25, 1860.

The committee in presenting the report, expressed "the hope that the progress of Trinity Church may be as heretofore harmonious and onwards."

The Rector, A. S. Livingston, C. H. Higginson and W. C. McCall were appointed a Building Committee and authorized "to solicit subscriptions at their convenience."

On February 27, 1860, the plans for the new church were accepted, the architect and contractor being J. C. Sidney, of Philadelphia. A bond was given by the Vestry to pay purchase price of lot, $3,500, in one year, with interest. Thus at the outset, the practice of banking upon the future, which so largely characterized the Parish through its subsequent history,

was adopted. The church was to cost, when completed, not to exceed $6,000.

The cornerstone of the new edifice was laid on June 15, 1860, with a high degree of ecclesiastical pomp and ceremony. Bishop Doane had passed away the previous April, and Bishop Odenheimer, who succeeded him, officiated at the service.

A correspondent of the "New Jersey Journal," writing under the heading of that date, has preserved for us a detailed account of the proceedings. The first part of the service was held in the hall occupied by the congregation as a temporary place of worship. This service consisted of the singing of the 102d Psalm and the recitation of the Litany. A procession was then formed, led off by the sexton, Thomas Willson, followed in order by the Vestry and Wardens, the lay guests, the visiting clergy, and brought up by the Rector and the Bishop. When the grounds were reached, the Bishop proceeded to lay the cornerstone in due form. Prayer was offered, the Gloria in Excelsis sung and an address made by the Bishop, which the correspondent characterized as "brief and moderate in tone." The writer estimated that more than five hundred people were present on the grounds, and adds "that the surrounding fences and the windows of warehouses and private dwellings near by were brought into requisition, and thus hundreds enjoyed the spectacle who were not really on the grounds." He continues, "A fine-toned organ had been brought to the ground and the choir of Trinity Church, under the skilful training of William Eccles, Esq., the leader, aided by Miss Dunn, the accomplished organist, whilst rendering the Psalms and the old Gloria in Excelsis, drew many tears from hundreds of eyes, and as those chords swelled and died away upon the breeze, they waked up impressions that will never be forgotten." The writer tells us, moreover, that "In addition to the church people present were many prominent citizens of other bodies," and he mentions particularly "that every Methodist minister in Trenton, with perhaps a single exception was in attendance." Certainly the occasion seems to have been deemed worthy of the writer's finest literary efforts. After the services on the grounds we are informed that "there was a dinner served in the State Street House to invited guests," which he tells us "was not only substantial in every respect but *recherche* in all its appointments." Thus early in its history did the Parish set a high standard for the culinary reputation which it has subsequently enjoyed.

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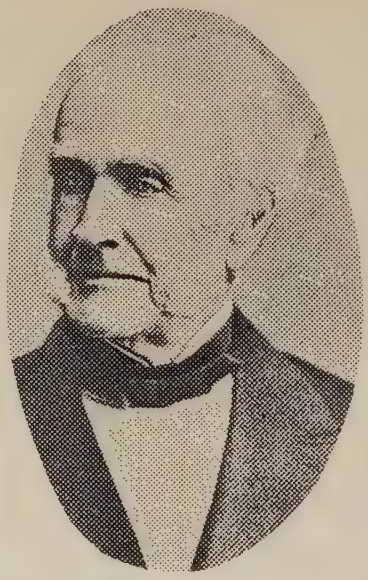
The building of the church must have progressed with unusual rapidity, for upon October 14 of the same year, 1860, being the XIX Sunday after Trinity, the building was occupied the first time for Divine worship. On December 13 following the church was consecrated to the service of Almighty God by the Rt. Rev. J. H. Hopkins, D.D., Bishop of Vermont, officiating by request of the Bishop of the Diocese, who was disabled by a serious accident from being present. The Rev. John H. Hopkins, Jr., preached the sermon. Among the clergy present were Rev. W. C. Doane, now Bishop of Albany, and Rev. F. B. Duane, Rector of St. Michael's Church. It is pleasant to learn, that notwithstanding the early differences with the mother Parish, that its Rector consented to be present upon this occasion and to participate in the services.

Trinity Church was made a pewed church. Pewholders were required to pay for the cushions in their pews and directed to use the matting approved by the Vestry. An organ was purchased at a cost of $850, upon which only $150 cash was paid. In lieu evidently of any additional payments at that time, the Vestry passed a resolution expressing their perfect satisfaction with the instrument, and warmly recommending the organ builder, to whom they sent a copy of the same under the corporate seal of the Parish, and arranged for its publication in the "Church Journal," the leading ecclesiastical newspaper of that day. Doubtless the organ builder was properly grateful, and thus rendered contented to wait patiently for the balance due him.

The first baptism in the new church was that of Ann Margaret Lynch, the first marriage that of Frederick G. Weise and Susan M. Hamilton, the first burial that of William Paulding. In the list of communicants belonging to the Parish at the date of the occupancy of the church, as recorded in the pages of the Parish Register, are found the names of only six persons who are still identified with the Parish: Miss Mary

A GROUP OF FOUNDERS AND EARLY VESTRYMEN

ALFRED S. LIVINGSTON



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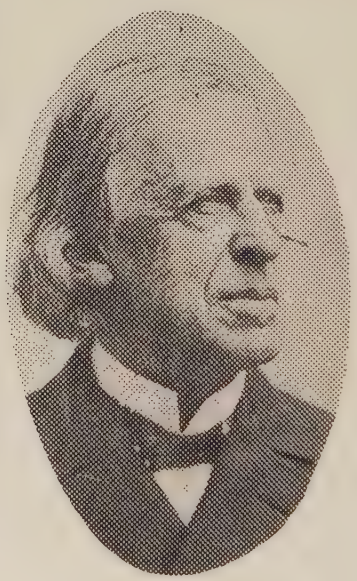

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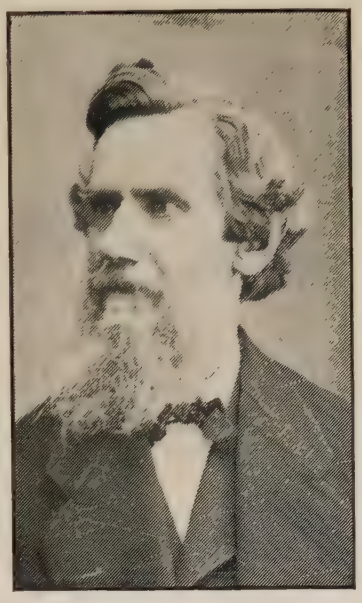

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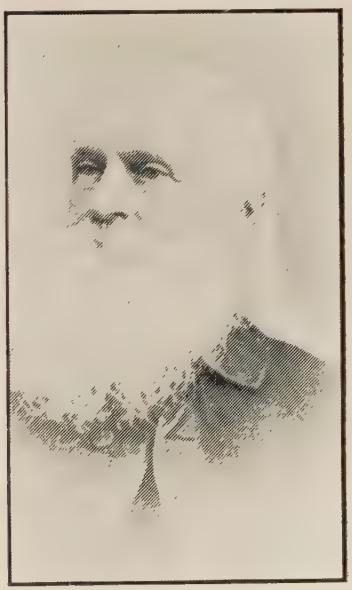
First Choirmaster



JAMES WILLSON
First Sexton

Dickinson, Mrs. Elizabeth Rickey, Miss Mary B. Willson, now Mrs. J. G. Boss, Miss Beulah O. Oliphant, now Mrs. S. D. Oliphant, Mrs. Ellen Holt and Miss Corrilla Cook, now Mrs. Faussett. There are others, who, as children at that time may be said to have belonged to the Parish through the membership of their parents. Such are Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Slack and Mrs. William Piper. There are, of course, several persons living in Trenton and elsewhere, not now connected with the Parish, who were among the original communicants of Trinity Church. It is possible to trace only a few names. Among these are daughters of Thomas Cadwalader, a prime mover in founding the Parish and one of the original Vestry.

It seems to be evident from the records, that the church building, as well as the lot on which it was erected, was not fully paid for, for we find in February, 1861, that the treasurer was authorized to borrow $1,500 on bond and mortgage on the newly erected church. We also find that the practice of giving notes to meet floating indebtedness began at about this period, a practice which continued with small interruption for many years, and naturally led in the end to serious financial complications. At intervals, through herculean efforts on the part of the congregation, or by the munificence of individuals, the indebtedness would be paid off, but in a year or so conditions were as bad as ever and the struggle began over again.

In August, 1861, after having held the rectorship for only a little over a year, the Rev. Dr. Camp resigned to accept a chaplaincy in the army. In the following October, the Rev. Henry P. Hay, then only in Deacon's orders, was called. His salary was fixed at $520 per annum, afterwards advanced to $550. This was quite a decrease from the $1,000 previously paid and shows the low state of the finances. Mr. Hay resigned in October, 1863, declaring that he was unable to meet his expenses on the salary paid him. He had previously given notice to the Vestry that he would "feel at liberty to look out for another situation as soon as an opportunity presented itself," and he stated also, that he left the Vestry the same opportunity to call another minister, offering to invite such clergymen as the Vestry might designate to officiate in the Parish, so as to offer an opportunity to the Parish to make a suitable choice.

The Parish had temporary supply until in Octotber, 1864, the Rev. Mark L. Olds, of Hastings, Minn., assumed the rectorship, at a salary of $1,000

per annum. Mr. Olds remained less than six months, resigning his charge in March of the following year. An effort to increase his salary to $1,500, which had failed, may have had something to do with the matter.

About this time we read of an attempt to float a bond issue for $1,500, payable in five years, for the purpose of paying off the floating debt. We also note that there was an inquiry as to the sale of the church by the Rev. A. P. Smith, Rector of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Trenton.

The question of heating the church was then as now a vexatious problem. There was a resolution authorizing the Wardens to purchase five tons of coal, and they were also given "discretionary power to take the best measures to warm the church."

Under the stress of the need for ready money, the Vestry passed a resolution to collect the pew rents in advance. Let us hope the move was successful. Yet notwithstanding the difficult financial situation as it reveals itself at this time, the Vestry proceeded, May, 1865, to call a new Rector, the Rev. E. H. Cressey, D.D., and confidently to offer him a salary of $1,500. After receiving Dr. Cressey's acceptance and before his arrival, the Vestry passed a resolution to purchase a quantity of furniture belonging to a Captain Bates, inventoried at $800, and for which the Captain offered to take the modest sum of $425, "said furniture to await Dr. Cressey's option of purchase when he comes, otherwise to be sold for the benefit of the Church." The treasurer was authorized "to borrow the money to pay for the same." The subsequent records fail to show whether or not the incoming Rector availed himself of this opportunity to supply himself with second-hand furniture at bargain prices which the Vestry so thoughtfully provided.

The financial situation must have become desperate about this time for we find that a proposition to sell the church to the Front Street M. E. congregation was favored. The following resolution was passed, under date of August 21, 1865:

"*Resolved,* That the church be offered for sale to the Front Street M. E. congregation for the sum of $12,000, the purchaser assuming the mortgage of $3,500 on the land, provided that the following property be excepted from the sale, viz.: the cornerstone, the memorial windows, the chime of bells, the font, the chancel furniture and the organ."

There was a hitch in the proceedings and the offer was subsequently withdrawn.

In August, 1866, a financial report was submitted, showing a deficiency of nearly $1,200. An effort was made to raise funds by assessing the pew-holders, a method often subsequently attempted, but apparently without successful results.

A motion appears upon the books authorizing the "Rector to have the chancel painted at his own expense."

On September 18, 1866, the Rector, the Rev. E. H. Cressey, D.D., passed away, and the Vestry were once again confronted with the duty of choosing a new pastor.

There appear in the minutes no resolutions passed by the Vestry upon the death of Dr. Cressey, but it is probable that such were adopted and there was a failure through some oversight to insert the same. Dr. Cressey is still remembered in the Parish as a man of high character and remarkable attainments as a preacher. He was buried in Mercer Cemetery, and was the only Rector of Trinity who died during his term of office.

The Rev. Albert U. Stanley was called in October, and assumed charge in January of the following year, 1867. His salary was fixed at the meagre sum of $700 per annum. Evidently sad experience had somewhat dampened the hitherto buoyant hopefulness of the Vestry, and they had determined to exercise caution in the matter of pledging the Parish to pay a salary that was beyond its means. Mr. Stanley apparently made himself most acceptable to the congregation, and the financial condition must have improved, for we find that in April of the following year the Vestry agreed to pay the Rector "the sum of $834 from the revenues and a further sum subscribed on paper, amounting to $505, and a still further sum of $287, guaranteed by the Ladies' Benevolent Society, the whole to be not less than $1,600." This is the first explicit indication appearing in the minutes of the Vestry of the helpfulness of the women, though undoubtedly before, as subsequently, their enthusiasm and assistance must have counted for a great deal in the life of the Parish.

An appropriation in 1869 of $600 per annum for the choir would seem to indicate that for some time previously the Church must have depended for its music upon voluntary services. It appears that the total expenditures of the Parish for the year 1870 was $2,652.52, the receipts being

somewhat less. Again we read of assessments levied upon pewholders to pay deficiencies.

In 1869 the pews at the evening service had been declared free, and in the following year, at the earnest solicitation of the Rector at the Parish meeting, it was decided "to make Trinity a Free Church at all services, and to adopt the systematic offering plan as the method of church support." On Easter of that year the money to pay the mortgage indebtedness of $3,500 had been laid upon the plate through the united efforts of the congregation, who had been spurred to this achievement by the generous offer of one of the parishioners to give a large amount provided a sufficient sum in addition should be raised. It was Mrs. Charles H. Higginson, the wife of one of the former Vestrymen who had passed away, to whom the Parish was indebted for this generous action. The Vestry passed resolutions expressing the deep gratitude felt by the Parish. An engrossed copy of the same was presented to Mrs. Higginson, wherein she was assured that "her charitable act will be held in perpetual remembrance and her name with that of her deceased husband, so long the devoted friend and supporter of Trinity Church, will be handed down to future generations as names of those who helped to lay the foundations of what we hope and trust will be a great and good work to the glory of Almighty God."

Thus, after more than ten years of corporate existence, the Parish at last was freed from the bonded indebtedness which had so cruelly hampered its usefulness, and, indeed, threatened its very existence.

The way was clear, or appeared to be, for adopting the Free Church system. Hope and enthusiasm ran high, as evidence of which the Vestry, with the Rector's consent, agreed to give him "in lieu of salary the entire receipts of the Church after paying all current expenses." But, alas, for the stability of human nature, and the fulfillment of high expectations, it was soon found that those who made voluntary pledges for church support, as those who heretofore rented pews, were equally remiss in keeping their obligations. The "Parish Guide," a little journal published by the Rector, is filled with earnest reminders to the congregation of the necessity of paying their pledges promptly, in order that the Church might be in funds to provide for its expenses. A large deficiency reported in 1873, showed that the Parish was again running behind, and the expedient was resorted to of assessing the contributors to meet the same, as the pewholders had been in former days. At a meeting of the Vestry, held April

Rev. HENRY M. BARBOUR
Seventh Rector

Rev. ALBERT U. STANLEY
Sixth Rector

Rev. CHARLES C. EDMUNDS
Ninth Rector

9, 1874, a motion was carried rescinding the arrangement in regard to giving the Rector in lieu of salary all the revenues received beyond the current expenses, and a stated sum was voted of $1,500 annually. The treasurer, moreover, was directed to pay the salary monthly, in advance. This was a noble resolution and reflects credit upon those who passed it, but somehow or other, on second thought it was deemed impracticable and at the next meeting of the Vestry only a month later, we find a motion passed rescinding the resolution and going back to the old plan.

About this time it is pleasant to find a resolution extending an invitation to the congregation of St. Michael's Church to use Trinity Church for their services while their own church was undergoing repairs.

A motion appears upon the minutes appointing a committee to consider the question of removing the church, but nothing seems to have come of it, for the matter is not again alluded to.

We note a resolution under date of April 3, 1875, which speaks for itself, to this effect: "Rev. William Boardman having offered his services to the Parish, without expense, he was unanimously elected assistant."

In August, 1875, we find the first steps taken in the direction of a change in the music, the Rector being empowered to employ a male choir, "provided the expense incurred shall not exceed the amount heretofore appropriated."

Mr. Stanley resigned his charge after a rectorship of nine years, to take effect October 17, 1875, giving as the reason for his action the continued ill-health of his wife. His departure was sincerely regretted. He had greatly endeared himself to the congregation, as the glowing resolutions passed by the Vestry amply prove. The resolutions speak of "the success of his labors in building up Trinity Church, in paying off all the indebtedness on the Church, in increasing its revenues and the number of the parishioners, in encouraging and aiding labors of love amongst the poor, not only of the Parish but of the whole city, in elevating Trinity Church to its present honorable position among the sister churches of the diocese." The resolutions close with the declaration "that the prayers and good wishes of all the Parish will follow him through life, but especially of those who through his ministration have been blest with the blessing which the world can neither give nor take away, and of those beside whom he has stood in a pastor's place amid scenes the happiest and saddest in our lives."

Mr. Stanley's agreeable personality, his unselfishness, his sweet Christian character and his unmitigating labors seem to have made a deep impression upon the Parish, and those who remember him to-day will cordially endorse all that was said in the resolutions of the Vestry.

In the following November the Rev. Henry M. Barbour, who was to have so long and fruitful a ministry in this Parish, was called to the rectorship. His salary was fixed at $1,500, together with the use of a rectory, which was rented for him at 30 West State Street, and "any surplus money remaining at the end of the year after the current expenses were paid." The male choir was continued and $400 per annum was appropriated for the music.

In January, 1877, the present rectory was purchased for $6,500, $1,500 being paid upon it, the balance remaining on bond and mortgage. The Parish was fast growing in numbers and in financial ability, and although the records show that deficiencies were annually reported, yet they were not of such an amount as seriously to affect the prosperity of the Parish or to check the building projects which were undertaken during this period. In 1881, that portion of the Parish building which is now used as a choir room was built, followed in 1884 by the addition of a new chancel, and again in 1887 by the erection of the Parish house. Much money was raised and enthusiasm was at a high pitch. The Sunday-School had greatly increased and reached the largest numbers ever attainied before or subsequently. The salary of the Rector was advanced to $1,800 and subsequently to $2,400.

The enlarged work necessitated additional help to the Rector, and in 1885 the Rev. Elliot W. Bumsted was engaged as an assistant at a salary of $600 per year. Mr. Bumsted was most successful in his labors and built up a large Sunday-School. When he resigned after a brief stay, on account of ill-health, the Vestry passed resolutions expressive of their regret. Mr. Bumsted, who subsequently changed his name to White, is still pleasantly and affectionately remembered in the Parish. He is now the Rector of Grace Church, Newark.

In 1887 Sidney M. Bourne was chosen organist, Arthur Pool being choirmaster and solo singer.

In 1890, a fine organ to the memory of John H. Stewart was placed in the church, the gift of his many friends and associates.

A GROUP OF VESTRYMEN

AUGUSTUS R. MONTGOMERY

JOHN COUGHTRY

THOMAS BIDDLE

JOHN H. STEWART

S. MEREDITH DICKINSON

In 1893, Trinity Church, after more than twenty years' experience of the Free Pew System, reverted again to the pew rent plan of support.

In December, 1895, the Rev. Mr. Barbour presented his resignation to take effect the following February. His resignation was accepted with expressions of the deepest regret. The resolutions adopted by the Vestry speak of "the feelings of respect and affection cherished for their Rector, which they share in common with every member of the Parish. The loving ministrations of nearly twenty years have brought Mr. Barbour into the hearts of all who have met him as a spiritual adviser. In joy or sorrow, in prosperity or adversity, he has been to all the same kind friend and loving mentor. An humble follower of Him he professes he has proved a most worthy example to the many upon whom his influence has been exerted, and in those more intimate spiritual relations which he has held with the members of his charge, he had done untold good of the most enduring nature. The more outward manifestations of his unselfish and untiring work and great influence for good upon his charge are found in the steady and substantial growth of the Parish, the increase of its guilds in numbers and good works, the erection of new edifices consecrated to the work of the Church and the renovation and beautifying of the church building itself. Our beloved Rector has proved himself not alone an edifying preacher of duty, but a diligent and consecrated follower of the God-given precepts of our faith. He departs from us beloved and regretted and most fully bearing the repute of a good servant who has been faithful in his charge."

The extended pastorate of Mr. Barbour, and the result of his arduous labors, as seen in the material additions and improvements made, and in the progress of churchly ideas and practices, made a deep and lasting impression upon the parish life and character.

The introduction of a vested male choir, a weekly celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with its proper accompaniments, and other churchly customs and practices adopted during the years of his ministry in Trinity Church, sufficiently indicate the influence which still abides as the result of his churchmanship and high spiritual character. The sentiments expressed in the resolutions truthfully bespeak the estimation in which he was held by the congregation and will be readily and enthusiastically endorsed by those who remember him and his life and labors in this Parish.

Without delay the Vestry chose as Mr. Barbour's successor the Rev.

Joseph C. Hall, who served the Parish as Rector for only about a year, resigning his charge January 23, 1896.

The Rev. C. C. Edmunds, who was elected to succeed him, assumed the rectorship in the following May. Mr. Edmunds found the Parish in a most deplorable financial condition. The floating indebtedness amounted to more than $11,000, and was continually increasing. Strenuous efforts were made to obtain relief, but without success. The congregation became discouraged, and it was thought at one time that the Parish would be compelled to give up its corporate existence. The Bishop was called into consultation, but could suggest no method of meeting the crisis. A tentative offer was made to him to take the property over for diocesan purposes, but was declined.

Finally, in March, 1899, canonical consent having been obtained, $10,000 were raised on bond and mortgage upon the church property. Through the money thus secured, most of the floating indebtedness was paid off and relief from the acute pressure was secured. Mr. Edmunds resigned the rectorship on November 6, 1899.

Resolutions expressive of the high esteem in which he was regarded were passed by the Vestry. A fine tribute was paid to his scholarship and devout Christian character and godspeed was bidden him in the new sphere of work upon which he was about to enter.

In the three short years of Mr. Edmund's ministry in Trinity Church, though beset and hampered by the financial conditions which he found, and for which he was in no way responsible, not a little was accomplished for the spiritual welfare of the Parish. Large classes were presented for confirmation and sound church teaching expounded.

During the rectorship of Rev. Mr. Edmunds, a new Altar, composed of white tile, probably the only one of the kind in the country, was placed in the Church. This Altar was especially designed and made by the Trent Tile Company, and was the gift of Mr. Benjamin F. Lee, the president of the company, and a vestryman of the Church.

From November, 1899, to February, 1900, the services were maintained by temporary supply. During this period a number of clergymen were approached with a view to their accepting the vacant rectorship, but the proposal was negatived, owing doubtless to the critical financial condition under which the Parish was laboring.

In January the Rev. Hamilton Schuyler, then acting as special preacher

Rev. HAMILTON SCHUYLER
Tenth and Present Rector

in the Church of the Holy Communion, New York City, was unanimously elected Rector and assumed charge on the first Sunday in February. His salary was fixed at $1,200.

The new Rector was heartily welcomed by the congregation and received assurance of its united support in extracating the Parish from its difficulties. Besides the mortgage indebtedness of $10,000 upon the church building there was a long standing mortgage of $5,000 upon the rectory and a further floating debt of $2,000. The congregation had also dwindled in numbers and in financial ability. The Rector at once set himself to the task of building up the Parish in which efforts he met with the cordial co-operation of all concerned. Parishioners who had become estranged returned and new ones came in. Hope and confidence were restored. From the very first things began to assume a brighter aspect. The floating indebtedness was soon extinguished. At the end of the first year the current expenses were met by the current income, and shortly afterward the sum of $2,500 was paid upon the rectory through the Easter offering supplemented by the work of the women through the Rectory Fund. In May of the following year, 1902, the balance of the mortgage was satisfied and all other outstanding indebtedness paid, leaving now only the $10,000 mortgage upon the Church building itself.

The year 1904 marked an event of supreme importance in the Parish history, relieving it of an incubus under which it had staggered for many years, and which, at one time, threatened its very existence. By the notable benefaction of one individual, made in loving memory of his wife, Prudence Townsend Kelsey, a faithful and devoted communicant of the Parish, who had passed away the previous January, the $10,000 mortgage upon the church building was satisfied. The deep gratitude of the Parish and its joy over its release from financial embarrassment were fully manifested in a special service of thanksgiving to Almighty God held upon the XXII Sunday after Trinity, October 30. A pamphlet was subsequently issued containing an account of the official proceedings, including the resolutions passed by the Vestry, the program of the services and the full text of the sermon preached by the Rector.

A bronze tablet placed by the congregation on the west wall of the church stands as a perpetual memorial to Prudence Townsend Kelsey, in whose behalf her husband made his gift to the Parish, and bears testimony to the deep gratitude felt to the donor.

The following is an extract from the memorial pamphlet above referred to:

It having been signified by Mr. Henry C. Kelsey that he desired to make a communication of importance to the Vestry of Trinity Church, a meeting of the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parish was held on Tuesday evening, October twenty-fifth, 1904.

All the members being in attendance at the meeting, Mr. Kelsey appeared in person and stated his intention of paying the $10,000 mortgage resting upon the Church property as a memorial to his wife, the late Prudence Townsend Kelsey.

The Vestry, in accepting this gift, passed by a rising vote the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Hon. Henry C. Kelsey has informed the Vestry of Trinity Church of his intention to extinguish the mortgage indebtedness of $10,000 now resting upon the Church property; be it therefore,

Resolved, That this body, as representing the parishioners of Trinity Church, do hereby place on record its deep appreciation of Mr. Kelsey's great generosity, and extend to him its sincerest thanks for his munificent gift, whereby the Parish is now relieved from all indebtedness and the Church property restored to its original integrity; be it further

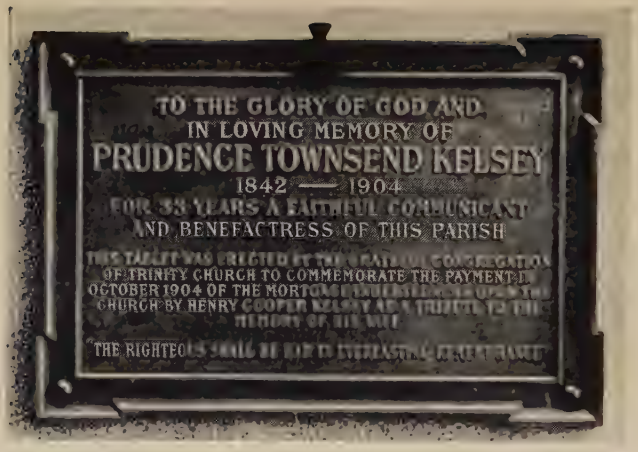
Resolved, In consideration of the statement made by the donor that the gift is in memory of his wife, Prudence Townsend Kelsey, a former communicant and benefactress of this Parish, that a suitable memorial tablet be placed in the Church edifice by the parishioners as a tribute to her character and an acknowledgment of their gratitude for the gift;

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and that an engrossed copy, signed by the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, be sent by the secretary to the Hon. Henry C. Kelsey.

Extract from the sermon of the Rector, preached at the special service of thanksgiving, October 30, 1904:

That which was the dearest desire of the Rector and people has now been effected unexpectedly by the munificent gift of a single person. The gratitude and thankfulness which fill all hearts to-day is supreme. If, primarily, our thanks are due to the Divine Author of all good things, if we must say and feel that it is the Lord who hath done great things for us, neither will we be backward in returning thanks to the generous donor, to whose benefaction we owe it, that now and henceforth we may have the consciousness of worshipping in a building which has been restored in its integrity to the Great Object of all our devotion and praise.

While I would carefully refrain from any fulsome utterances, being as un-



KELSEY MEMORIAL TABLET
Erected by the Congregation

HENRY COOPER KELSEY

suited to this place and occasion as I know they would be offensive to the delicate feelings of our benefactor, I cannot yet abstain from calling your attention to one significant fact in connection with this gift. We read frequently of large donations made to institutions, which in their nature and designation constitute visible monuments to the givers. Buildings are called after their names and proclaim plainly to all beholders their personality and estate. In the case of such gifts there may or there may not be a single-minded desire to benefit a worthy object. In many instances, indeed, the suspicion that the motives are mixed is present, that the gift is bestowed as much from a wish to gratify personal vanity as to aid a cause which is regarded as deserving. In the payment of a debt, however, where there is nothing visiblo to point to, or anything which can properly be said to constitute a monument, the case is otherwise. He who has paid our debt for us has built for himself a monument, indeed, but it is hidden in the hearts of a grateful people and finds no outward and tangible manifestation. As the gift was absolutely without conditions, either as to the present or the future, so there is and there can be nothing to detract from its perfect spontaneity and fullness. We can only accept the gift in the spirit of good will which prompted it, and thank God that He has put it into the heart of His servant to do this great kindness.

But while there were no ulterior aims affecting the giver in his deed, there was a main impulse leading to it—one wholly worthy and creditable. I need not tell you that the gift was made as a loving memorial by a husband to his departed and sincerely-mourned wife. The gift was made because the giver believed that he could no more fittingly do honor to her memory than by raising the heavy burden of debt from the Parish of which she was for many years a faithful member, and in whose welfare she ever displayed a deep if quiet interest. But if the primary impulse to this gift was a sincere desire to honor her memory, it is also true that the springs of that impulse must be looked for in the character of her whose influence was paramount in her husband's life.

Need I say that this benefaction has come to Trinity Church because Prudence Townsend Kelsey was a woman of sincere religious feeling, a faithful and devoted servant of God, ever fervently desiring the glory of her Lord and Master Jesus Christ, and ever cherishing a strong affection for the Parish Church in which she worshipped for over thirty years, and at whose Altar she was wont to receive the Bread of Life. Had she cared for none of these things he who knew her best would certainly not have made a memorial to her in this present form.

Letter of congratulation received from the Rt. Rev. John Scarborough, D.D., Bishop of New Jersey, read at the thanksgiving service:

THE BISHOP'S HOUSE.
DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY,
TRENTON, Oct. 28, 1904.

My Dear Mr. Schuyler:

A previous engagement for next Sunday will not permit of my presence in Trinity Church to share with you and your people in the great joy of the day, but I want to assure you and the members of Trinity Church that I share in the thanks you will offer—*first* to God, from Whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and *next* to your noble and large-hearted benefactor for the blessing bestowed upon the Parish in memory of one who was loved by all who knew her.

Nothing has pleased me more in all my thirty years in New Jersey than this lifting of the burden of debt from your Parish Church.

I am sure it will encourage others, who are blest with means, to copy such a noble example, both in the Diocese and out of it.

The Parish will not do less, but more in the future for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ in the world, because so much is done for it.

I am most grateful for this large gift and I offer to you and all your parishioners my most sincere congratulations.

In a very special measure my congratulations are due to Mr. Kelsey for his noble deed, which makes so many happy. Let prayers and praises emphasize your thanksgiving, and although absent most reluctantly, I will be one with you in heart and spirit. Believe me, I am

Your friend sincerely and truly,
JOHN SCARBOROUGH.

The REV. HAMILTON SCHUYLER,
Trenton, N. J.

The following summer saw a complete renovation of the church at the expense of several thousand dollars, also the addition of a new porch, the gift of Mr. Henry C. Kelsey, of a choir cloister, given by Mr. F. A. Duggan, and the renovation of the chapel, provided for by Mrs. B. F. Lee. Several notable memorial gifts were also added at that time, all of which are duly recorded in the memorial year book of 1906, which contains a full account of the special services of rededication held on Thursday, October 26, 1905, including the sermon preached by Rev. Henry M. Barbour, and the speeches made at the luncheon given for the entertainment of the guests of the Parish.

Upwards of sixty gentlemen were entertained in the Parish House on this occasion. The special guests of honor, seated at the Rector's

Rt. Rev. JOHN SCARBOROUGH
Fourth Bishop of New Jersey

GENERAL RICHARD A. DONNELLY
Warden and Vestryman for 25 Years

table, were Bishop Scarborough, Bishop Lines, Governor E. C. Stokes, Rev. Henry M. Barbour, Mr. Henry C. Kelsey, Mr. Theodore Simonson, Mr. Benjamin F. Lee, General Bird W. Spencer, Rev. C. M. Perkins, Dean of the Convocation of Burlington; Rev. O. A. Glazebrook, Mr. Frederick W. Donnelly, Rev. Charles Steel, Mr. Charles E. Merritt, treasurer of the Diocese, and others.

The Rector acted as toastmaster and introduced the speakers. Mr. Benjamin F. Lee, as the senior Vestryman, welcomed the guests of the Parish. The Rt. Rev. Edwin T. Lines, Bishop of Newark, followed, offering his congratulations. The Governor of the State, Edward C. Stokes, paid a warm tribute to the memory of Mrs. Kelsey, and General Bird W. Spencer paid a eulogy to the memory of his former comrade and brother officer, General Richard A. Donnelly, for many years Senior Warden of the Parish, who had recently passed away.

At the conclusion of the speech-making Bishop Scarborough called for the singing of the Doxology, with which the proceedings came to an end.

In a sermon preached on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of his pastorate Sunday, February 6, 1910, the Rector reviewed at length the events of the past decade of Parish life.

In his introductory remarks the preacher referred to the mutual good will which had always prevailed between the parishioners and himself. He declared the greatest harmony had always existed between the Vestry and himself, and that in the counsels of that body during the ten years of his rectorship there had never been so much as a divided vote upon any matter. He paid a high tribute of praise to Sidney H. Bourne, the organist and choirmaster, for his faithfulness and ability, and expressed his gratitude and that of the congregation to the choirmen for their valuable voluntary services. To the superintendent, officers and teachers of the Sunday-School, to the members of the women's societies and the workers generally was due, he declared, the warmest praise for their enthusiasm and efficiency. Their energy and faithfulness had been a constant source of encouragement and inspiration to himself and accounted in a large measure for the prosperity which the Parish had attained. He expressed his deep gratitude for the uniform kindness and courtesy personally extended to him by the parishioners, and the generous provision always made for his welfare and comfort.

He thanked the women of the congregation for the handsome purse of

gold presented to him in recognition of his ten years of service and expressed his warm appreciation of the good will of those through whose generosity the recent renovation of the rectory, at an expense of nearly $3,000 had been made possible.

He alluded to the fact that the Rector's salary had been increased from time to time, as the Vestry had felt able to do so, and stated that a further advance over the present salary of $2,000 had been offered recently, which he had felt obliged to decline, owing to his conviction that such increase at present would be unwise, in view of the financial state of the Parish.

After recalling the details connected with the early years of his ministry, and the struggle to pay the Parish indebtedness, culminating in the successful issue of the efforts put forth to that end, the preacher declared that subsequently there had been little of special importance to record.

The Parish life had flowed on tranquilly. If there had been little growth in numbers or in financial strength, the Parish had yet held its own and managed through special efforts at Easter to start every fiscal year with a substantial balance on the credit side.

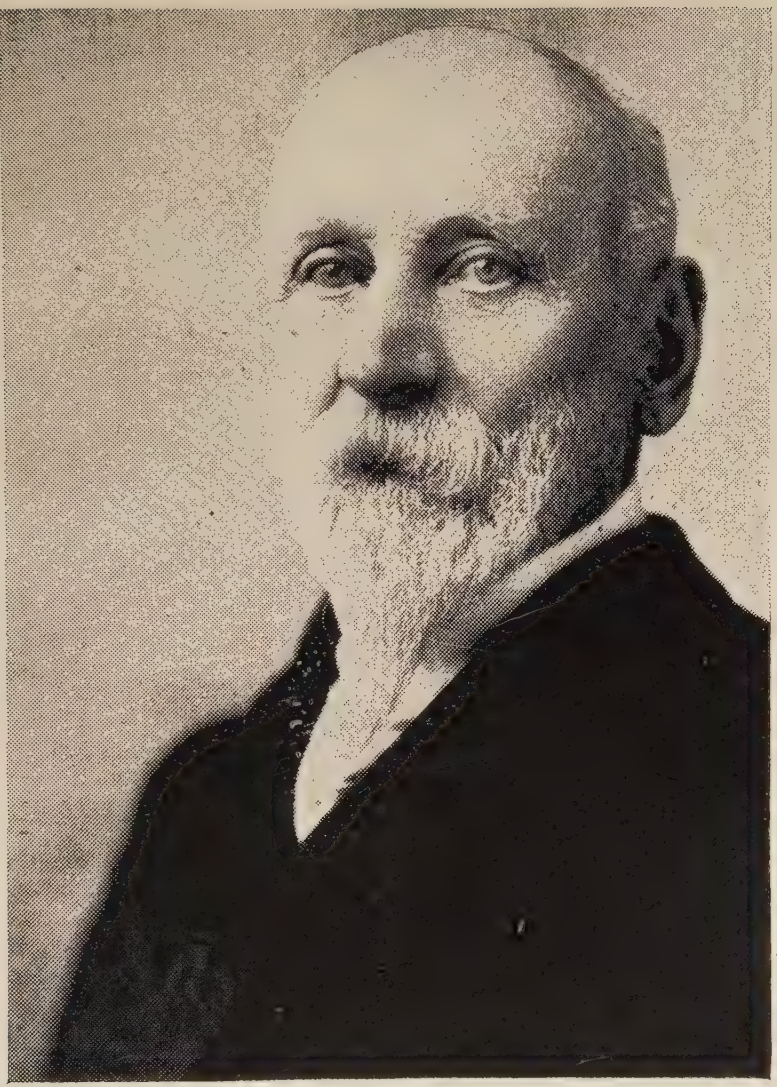
From the annual statements, as appearing in the Year Book, the following financial summary, given in round figures, and covering the past ten years, was submitted:

Net cash receipts	$90,000 00
Estimated value of memorials and other gifts	7,000 00
Value of endowments received	7,500 00
	$104,500 00

Of this sum the actual current expenses of the Parish had consumed a little over one-half, and the balance represented what the Parish had received and raised for all other objects.

The items are as follows:

Old indebtedness	$17,000 00
Value of memorials and gifts	7,000 00
Repairs and betterments	12,000 00
Missionary and charitable objects	4,000 00
Endowments	7,500 00
	$47,500 00



BENJAMIN F. LEE
Vestryman for 35 Years

A somewhat surprising figure was the amount of money raised through the women's societies, which totals $8,000 for the ten years.

The figures for ten years of pastorial administration were as follows: Baptisms, 146; Confirmations, 213; Marriages, 71; Burials, 114.

Referring to the losses which the Parish had suffered during the past ten years, through the death of members, the preacher proceeded:

Let me venture to mention a few whose names are well known to the congregation, either on account of their activities in the Church, their long connection with it, or their prominence in the community: Thomas Biddle, for many years Vestryman; Prudence Townsend Kelsey, Samuel Duncan Oliphant, Julia Blackfan, Samuel Meredith Dickinson, for many years a Vestryman; Richard Augustus Donnelly, Senior Warden; Mary Agnes Blackfan, Susie I. Donnelly, Thalia Morse Saunderson, William Norton, the faithful sexton of this Church for fifteen years and more; Harriet Parkman McDonough, Sarah B. Ball, a communicant of the Parish for nearly fifty years; Eva Blackfan Hewitt, Mary L. Townsend, Margaret Montgomery, Benjamin Fisler Lee, for many years Vestryman; Anna Rossell, one of the oldest communicants, and Fanny W. Stewart, whose recent demise has been such a grief to us all. All of these, or nearly all, were prominent in the Parish life when I came here. According to their several abilities and opportunities all served the Parish well, and deserve to be remembered for their works and labors of love. The names of most of these are perpetuated in memorials given to the Parish, or in some instances, by bequests left by will for Parish purposes. Let us cherish their memories and thank God for the good examples of all these, His servants, and let us pray that there may never be lacking a faithful company of consecrated men and women to carry on the work in this Parish to the glory of God and the welfare of human souls.

The sermon concluded with an appeal to the parishioners to make some provision, by will or otherwise, for the permanent endowment of the Parish. His words on this subject were as follows:

While I am by no means pessimistic concerning the outlook, I cannot conceal from myself a conviction that this Parish, situated as it is in the very heart of the business section, will hardly tend to increase in members or in financial strength. Even to-day there is to be observed little if any growth. The city's population is increasing mainly on its outskirts and newcomers naturally will be apt to associate themselves with parishes situated in their immediate neighborhood. It is probable, therefore, that Trinity Church will never be stronger than it is to-day, and it may even diminish, if not in numbers, at least in ability to sustain itself. I am confident, however, that Trinity will always find an important work to do, and I, therefore, deem it essential to make provision for con-

tinuing its existence, by securing an adequate endowment fund. We possess already for various purposes a sum amounting to about $7,500. It is to be earnestly hoped as time goes on, that this may be supplemented by further gifts. I commend the matter to those among you who may be possessed of means, suggesting to you the advisability of making some provision for the Parish, either by direct gifts in your lifetime or by bequests in your wills. If Trinity Church could have a permanent endowment fund of, say $50,000, its future for all time would be assured."

The choir of Trinity Church has always been one of its chief attractions, and nothing has contributed more to the success of that department of the Church's life than the faithfulness of the men who have given their voluntary services to this work. As a slight testimonial of their appreciation of this fact the Vestry of the Church on the occasion of the annual dinner, tendered by that body to the men of the choir, in the spring of 1910, made a presentation of silver loving cups, in recognition of their long and valuable services, to William O. Burgelin and Edward W. Bloor, the former having been connected with the choir for thirty years and the latter for more than twenty-five.

On Sunday, October 30, 1910, the Parish began the observance of its Golden Jubilee. The chief feature of the service was the preaching of a historical sermon by the Rector, his text being, "A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you." Lev. XXV, 12. The sermon was substantially identical in language and form with the matter used in this sketch, and covering the first forty years of the Parish's life.

The following Tuesday, All-Saint's Day, besides celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7:30 and again at 10 o'clock in the morning, there was held a special service at 8 o'clock in the evening, attended by a large congregation. A special musical program was rendered. There were present in the chancel, besides the Bishop of the Diocese and the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Henry M. Barbour, D.D., a former Rector of Trinity, and now Rector of the Church of the Beloved Disciple in New York City, and the following rectors of churches in the City of Trenton, the Rev. Milton A. Craft, the Rev. Robert W. Trenbath, and the Rev. William G. Wherry.

Letters of regret were read from the Rev. Dr. T. Bond Holland, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton; the Rev. Albert U. Stanley, of Marietta, Georgia, and the Rev. Charles C. Edmunds, both former rectors of Trinity.

TRINITY CHURCH

TRINITY CHURCH—INTERIOR

Addresses were made by Bishop Scarborough and by the Rev. Dr. Barbour. At the conclusion of the services a reception for guests, and a reunion of parishioners was held in the Parish House.

LIST OF RECTORS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. Hannibal Goodwin.....1858–1859
Rev. N. W. Camp, D.D.....1859–1861
Rev. Henry P. Hay.....1861–1863
Rev. Mark L. Olds.....1864–1865
*Rev. E. H. Cressey, D.D.....1865–1866
Rev. Albert U. Stanley.....1867–1875
Rev. Henry M. Barbour, D.D.....1875–1895
Rev. Joseph C. Hall.....1895–1896
Rev. Charles C. Edmunds.....1896–1899
Rev. Hamilton Schuyler.....1900———

*Died in office.

LIST OF WARDENS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

W. P. Hunt and A. S. Livingston.....1858–1862
A. S. Livingston and E. D. Weld.....1862–1863
Samuel Simons and C. H. Higginson.....1863–1866
Samuel Simons and D. A. Clark.....1866–1868
Samuel Simons and Randall Rickey.....1868–1872
Samuel Simons and J. J. Henderson.....1872–1873
A. S. Livingston and J. J. Henderson.....1873–1875
Randall Rickey and Arthur Sands.....1875–1876
Randall Rickey and A. R. Montgomery.....1876–1877
A. R. Montgomery and John R. Dill.....1877–1881
A. R. Montgomery and Randall Rickey.....1881–1882
Randall Rickey and John Coughtry.....1882–1888
John Coughtry and Gen. R. A. Donnelly.....1888–1897
Gen. R. A. Donnelly and W. H. Brokaw.....1897–1899
Gen. R. A. Donnelly and H. M. Slack.....1899–1900
W. H. Brokaw and H. M. Slack.....1900–1901
R. A. Donnelly and H. M. Slack.....1901–1905
W. H. Brokaw and H. M. Slack.....1905———

PORCH GIVEN BY HENRY C. KELSEY

CHOIR CLOISTER GIVEN BY FREDERICK A. DUGGAN

LIST OF VESTRYMEN AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

W. P. Hunt.....1858–1864
A. S. Livingston.....1858–1864 1866–1875
Thomas Cadwalader.....1858–1862
Philemon Dickinson.....1858–1867 1871–1872
Mercer Beasley.....1858–1860
C. H. Higginson.....1858–1865
E. D. Weld.....1858–1865
W. M. Babbitt.....1858–1861
W. W. Norcross.....1858–1860 1863–1864
W. E. Hunt.....1858–1859
Samuel Simons.....1858–1872
William Howell.....1858–1859
G. A. Perdecaris.....1859–1860 1862–1863
J. S. Taylor.....1859–1860 1862–1863
Thomas Biddle.....1860–1873
William Eccles.....1860–1862
Randall Rickey.....1860–1865 1867–1887
D. A. Clark.....1860–1873
E. H. Grandin.....1861–1863
J. P. Stockton.....1862–1865 1888–1889
J. L. Gardiner.....1862–1863
R. C. Thompson.....1863–1865 1870–1871
S. M. Dickinson.....1863–1870 1872–1874 1890–1900
F. H. Bates.....1864–1865
G. H. Snowhill.....1864–1868
H. B. Howland.....1867–1868
Thomas Willson.....1867–1870
T. W. Clymer.....1867–1868 1871–1872
B. W. Jones.....1867–1871 1872–1874
E. B. Bell.....1867–1868
J. Matheson.....1868–1872 1874–1877
William Pashley.....1868–1877
G. J. Taft.....1868–1870
J. D. Hall.....1869–1896
S. L. Southard.....1869–1870
W. H. Coleman.....1870–1871

Arthur Sands.....1870–1871 1875–1876
J. J. Henderson.....1871–1877
J. R. Dill.....1871–1873 1874–1880
J. H. Wright.....1872–1874
W. P. McIlvane.....1873–1874
B. F. Lee.....1873–1909
J. H. Stewart.....1873–1890
Robert Stewart.....1873–1874
A. R. Montgomery.....1874–1882
W. S. Sharp.....1874–1876
G. D. Bowers.....1875–1876
Eagleton Hanson.....1876–1877
Cleveland Hilson.....1876–1877
Charles Bullock.....1876–1877
A. M. Livingston.....1877–1878
C. V. C. Murphy.....1878–1888
R. A. Donnelly.....1880–1900 1901–1905
John Coughtry.....1881–1897
W. H. Brokaw.....1886–1899 1900–To present time.
R. A. Hewitt.....1886–1887
William Hewitt.....1887–1900
F. C. Lowthorp.....1888–1896
J. B. Powell.....1889–1899
H. M. Slack.....1896–To present time.
H. A. Martindell.....1896–To present time.
H. F. Auten.....1897–To present time.
E. A. Stokes.....1899–1900 1902–1904
E. C. Wilson.....1899–1908
A. H. Cornish.....1899–To present time.
J. A. Montgomery.....1899–To present time.
W. M. Dickinson.....1900–To present time.
N. J. Loos.....1900–1902
J. S. Broughton.....1900–To present time.
F. A. Duggan.....1904–To present time.
W. T. White.....1905–To present time.
C. H. Lawton.....1908–To present time.
F. S. Katzenbach, Jr.....1910–To present time.

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SAMUEL DUNCAN OLIPHANT MEMORIAL CHALICE

SOME CHIEF EVENTS IN THE PARISH HISTORY.

October 8, 1858—Parish organized and Vestry chosen.
November 3, 1858—Rev. Hannibal Goodwin called as Rector.
April 26, 1859—First Parish meeting held.
December 18, 1859—Rev. Dr. N. W. Camp called as Rector.
January 25, 1860—Lot purchased on Academy street.
June 15, 1860—Cornerstone of Church laid.
October 14, 1860—Church building first occupied.
December 13, 1860—Church building consecrated.
October 23, 1861—Rev. Henry P. Hay called as Rector.
April 4, 1864—Rev. Mark L. Olds called as Rector.
May 12, 1865—Rev. E. H. Cressey called as Rector.
September 18, 1866—Death in office of Rev. E. H. Cressey.
October 22, 1866—Rev. Albert U. Stanley called as Rector.
April 18, 1870—Mortgage indebtedness of thirty-five hundred dollars paid through generosity of Mrs. C. H. Higginson.
April 21, 1870—Free Pew System adopted.
August 31, 1875—Introduction of first male choir.
October 17, 1875—Rev. Albert U. Stanley resigned.
November 3, 1875—Rev. Henry M. Barbour called as Rector.
January 23, 1877—Rectory on Academy street purchased.
December 25, 1881—New Sunday School building completed.
October 30, 1884—New Chancel consecrated.
December 25, 1887—Parish House completed.
May 1, 1887—Sidney H. Bourne appointed organist.
1890—Organ to memory of John H. Stewart installed.
May 1, 1893—Pew Rent System reverted to.
December 27, 1894—Rev. Henry M. Barbour resigned.
January 21, 1895—Rev. Joseph C. Hall called as Rector.
May 19, 1896—Rev. C. C. Edmunds called as Rector.
March, 1899—Ten thousand dollar mortgage placed on Church.
October, 1899—Rev. C. C. Edmunds resigned.
January 30, 1900—Rev. Hamilton Schuyler called as Rector.
April 10, 1902—Five thousand mortgage on Rectory paid.

October 25, 1904—Ten thousand dollar mortgage on Church paid by Henry C. Kelsey in memory of his wife, Prudence Townsend Kelsey.

October 30, 1904—Special services of Thanksgiving for release from debt.

October 26, 1905—Special service of rededication and benediction of new additions and memorials.

September, 1909—Rectory renovated and improved.

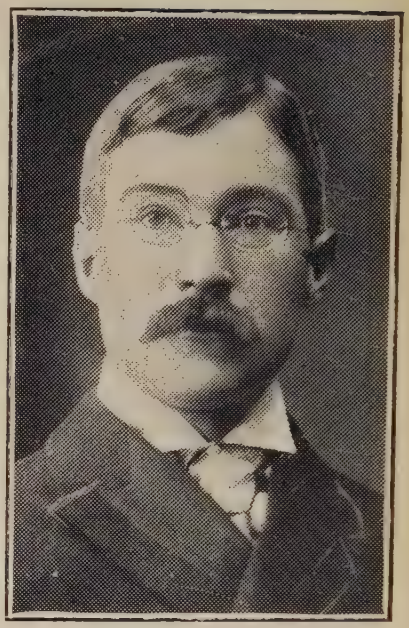
February, 6, 1910—Celebration of tenth anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. Hamilton Schuyler.

October 30, 1910—Celebration of golden jubilee of the Parish.

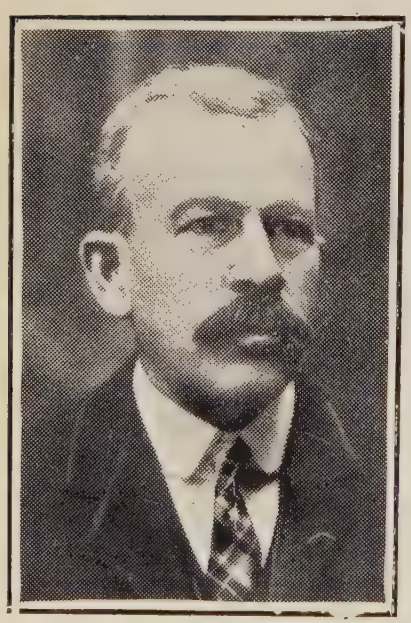
VESTRY OF TRINITY CHURCH, 1910

WILLIAM H. BROKAW
Senior Warden

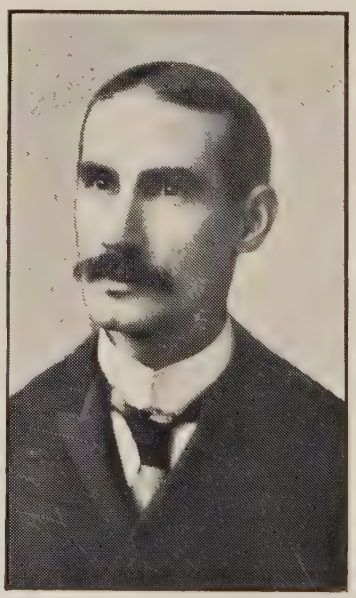
HARRY M. SLACK
Junior Warden



HARRY F. AUTEN
Clerk of Vestry



ALBERT H. CORNISH
Parish Treasurer



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JOHN A. MONTGOMERY

VESTRY OF TRINITY CHURCH, 1910

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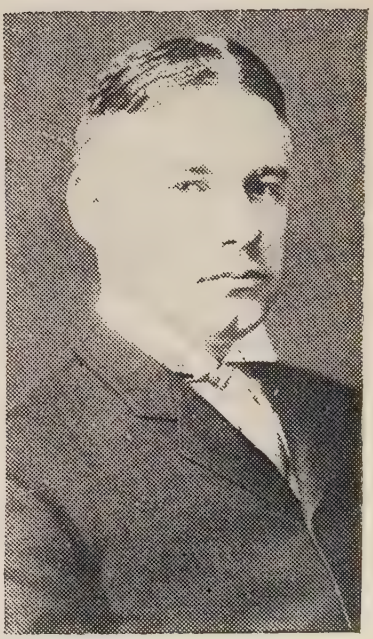

FRANK S. KATZENBACH, Jr.

CORPORATION OF TRINITY CHURCH
1910

RECTOR.

The Rev. Hamilton Schuyler.

THE VESTRY.

W. H. Brokaw, *Senior Warden.* — A. H. Cornish, *Treasurer.*
H. M. Slack, *Junior Warden.* — H. F. Auten, *Clerk.*

F. S. Katzenbach, Jr., J. S. Broughton, W. M. Dickinson,
C. E. Lawton, W. T. White, F. A. Duggan.
H. A. Martindell, J. A. Montgomery,

THE CHOIR

ORGANIST AND CHORISTER.

Sidney H. Bourne.

CRUCIFER.

Edward La Rue.

ACOLYTES.

Leroy Fell, Arnold Wimpenny, Leroy McGarry.

MEN.

TENORS.

William O. Burgelin, Malcolm Newell, James Read,
Alfred Gregory, Richard Nicholson, Albert Harrop.
John Hyatt,

BASSES.

Frank Green, Charles Felty, Cyril Wimpenny,
Edward Fitzell, Fred. Bebbington, Edgar Beatty.
Edward Titlon, Fred. Burk,

ALTO.

William Bloor.

BOYS.

Arnold Hyatt, John Morgan, Holmes La Rue,
John Whittingham, Lewis Harmon, Edward Kuhl,
John Hazlett, John Beers, Wilbur Matthias,
Jerome Wallis, William Drake, Bertram Laird,
Walter Callan, Edwin Schermerhorn, Edwin Hazlett,
Lester Callan, William Manser, Louis Wallis.
Samuel Wilson, Bradford Prue,

FORM OF BIDDING PRAYER

Used Annually at the Service on All Saints' Day.

Ye shall pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church—that is, for the whole congregation of Christian people dispersed throughout the world, and especially for that pure and Apostolic Branch of it established in this land; and herein I bid you more especially to pray for the Church in this Diocese, for its Bishop, Clergy and Laity; that all and every one of these, in their several callings. may serve truly and faithfully to the Glory of God and the edifying of His Church, remembering the account they have to make.

Ye shall pray for all the members of this Parish, for its Pastor, Officers and People, that they may live in true faith and fear of God, in humble obedience to the Church and brotherly charity, one to another.

Ye shall also pray for all those who have departed this life in the true faith of Christ's Holy Name, and especially for the Faithful Souls who in their lifetime belong to this Parish; for its Founders and Benefactors, who, by their gifts and services, have contributed to its support and promoted its welfare; and herein more especially for these, the following, who have bequeathed of their substance to the Parish or in whose name memorials have been presented for use in Divine Service or set up in this House to the Honour and Glory of God.

NAMES.	MEMORIALS.
Margery Parker Auten	Window
Eliza Bazley	Chapel Window
Julia Watkins Blackfan	Six Altar Candlesticks
Mary Stockton Beasley	Door
Edward Hanson Burgelin	Choir Banner
Charles Exton Bamford	Altar Memorial Fund
John Croes, *Bishop*	Window
Isis Potter Carter	Vases on Chapel Altar and Gold Book Markers
Bella Coughtry	Altar Book Rest
E. H. Cressey, *Rector*	Sanctuary Chair
Samuel Meredith Dickinson, *Vestryman*	Window
Richard Augustus Donnelly, *Warden*	Rood Screen
George Washington Doane, *Bishop*	Window
John Reddinger Dill	Eagle Lecturn
Charles H. Higginson, *Warden*	Window

Mary Anna Harris.....Litany Desk
Anna Houghtaling.....Lecturn Bible
Elizabeth Sumner Humason.....Baptismal Ewer
Charles Wesley Leeds.....Pulpit Light
Prudence Townsend Kelsey.....Tablet, Church Porch, Altar Cross in Chapel
Alfred S. Livingston, *Warden*.....Tablet
Anna Townsend Lee.....Pulpit
Augustus Wright Lynde.....Altar Book, Vases
Charles Wesley Lynde.....Altar Book, Vases
Harriet Parkman McDonough.....Parish Visitor Endowment Fund
Sarah Howard Mahan.....Silver Breads Box
Augustus Rhea Montgomery, *Warden*.....Litany Book
Samuel Duncan Oliphant.....Chalice and Patten
Anna Stephens Potts.....Communion Cruets
Ormsby Roebling.....Chancel Window
Emily Warren Roebling.....Altar Memorial Fund
William Roberts.....Eucharistic Candlesticks
Anna Rossell.....General Endowment Fund, Altar Memorial Fund
John H. Stewart, *Vestryman*.....Pipe Organ
Fanny W. Stewart.....Organ Upkeep Fund
Samuel Simons, *Warden*.....Window
Virginia Eleanor Southard.....Eucharistic Candlesticks on Chapel Altar
Thalia Morse Saunderson.....Credence
Ellen L. Townsend.....Chapel Altar Rail
William O. Townsend.....Chapel Altar Rail
Mary L. Townsend.....Chapel Window
Mary H. Tulane.....Altar Memorial Fund
William Trent.....Tablet
Edith Vance Ward.....Baptismal Shell
Blanch Pullen Wright.....Altar Memorial Fund

CHOIR OF TRINITY CHURCH, 1910

SIDNEY H. BOURNE
Organist and Choirmaster Since 1887

WILLIAM O. BURGELIN
Choirman for 30 Years

EDWARD W. BLOOR
Choirman for 25 Years

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